Yaphank, L. I.
July 7, 1887.

My Dear May,

Two letters from you remain unanswered—one dated July 4, the other of a later date.

I owe you thanks for mailing my long list, and for troubling yourself to put my initials on the envelopes. I had not thought of this myself, but am glad it occurred to you.

Mr. Rice has certainly treated us most handsomely, and so also has the Soc. of Antiquity. It is pleasant to know that the pamphlet has gone to so many Societies and Libraries. In some cases it will

My friend Mrs. Sears of Millbury, whose letter you forwarded, inferred that I was at Leicester from seeing my name on the envelope of the pamphlet. She says: "Remember me most kindly to Rev. Mr. May, whom I have met briefly two or three times, and to Miss May, with whom no doubt gain attention by this means.

Mr. E. H. Russell's note is very gratifying to me. The commendation of such a man leads me to hope that in meeting and refuting Thayer's allegations I did not waste my labor.

I enclose a letter received yesterday from Prof. Alexander Johnston of Princeton (N. J.) College. His professorship is that of History. He is a young man, but already eminent. Some time ago he wrote a paper on Anti-Slavery History for a Cyclopedia, falling into some very gross blunders in respect to the Garrisonians, for which I (very courteously) called him to account in a private

I have held slight correspondence in the interest of our church."

letter. Several letters passed between us, and the result was that in a new edition of the Cyclopedia he greatly modified his previous statements. Since then the reading of the Garrison biography still further enlightened him. These facts will enable you to appreciate the value of what he says of my review of Thayer. His letter I must ask you to return, as I want to ~~show~~ send it to W. P. G. and afterwards to F. J. G. I have sometimes almost feared that these dear boys might think I was doing a superfluous work in so often standing forth for the defence of their father. Not that they have ever said anything of the kind, but that I have been jealous of myself lest I should mistake the garrulity of age for a service

done to our great cause. Bu
in spite of this self-questioning
my conviction is strong that ther
was a call upon me to do
what I have done to correct
and instruct the public judgment in respect to the Garrisonian movement.

The air of this place ha
proved an excellent tonic for
me. My cough is now comparatively slight, and I am gainin
strength.

I dare say some of the
Massachusetts papers may
notice our pamphlet. If you
see anything of the sort pleas
keep me informed.

Yours, gratefully,
Oliver Johnson.

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